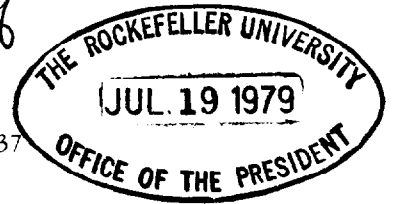


Committee of a Thousand 76
for Better Health Regulations
In Formation

Suite 410 • 600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037



June 28, 1979

Honorary Chairman:

Maurice B. Visscher

Co-Chairmen:

Chauncey D. Leake*

Alton Ochsner

Organizing Committee:

R. P. Ahlquist

Charles C. Edwards

Dana Farnsworth

Daniel X. Freedman

Edward D. Freis

Louis Lasagna

Jules H. Masserman

E. M. Papper

Linus Pauling

A. Szent-Györgyi

Roger J. Williams

Executive Secretary:

James M. Menger, Jr.

Committee in formation

Joshua Lederberg, Ph.D.
Adjunct Professor of Genetics in Medicine ✓
Cornell University Medical College
1300 York Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

More than ten years ago Professor Maurice Visscher first voiced his concern over improper government intervention into research and therapeutics. Subsequent developments have confirmed his fears. As a result, a number of leaders of medicine, members of medical school faculties and research institutions are forming a Committee of a Thousand. The goal is to clarify essential principles for proper government regulatory activities in the field of research and medicine and to identify problems that have arisen and dangers that should be avoided.

We respectfully request your review of the enclosed Manifesto.

If you agree with it, simply signing the Manifesto would make you a member of the Committee of a Thousand (an envelope for returning signed Manifesto is enclosed). ✓ The Executive Committee will then seek, within the Manifesto's context, to represent the views it expresses at congressional hearings, at government health agencies and, where relevant, to the press and public. If, in addition to being a member of the Committee, you would like to assist in the formation of the Committee, please indicate your desire by checking the box "I would like to help".

At present, the Committee seeks professional, faculty and academic participation. Over 150 professors and "distinguished professors", who are also chairmen of their departments, have already signed the Manifesto which thus far has only been sent to some thirty medical schools. A list of these new members of the Committee is also enclosed.

Your joining our Committee will be welcomed.

Sincerely,

James M. Menger, Jr.
James M. Menger, Jr.
Executive Secretary